

it then becomes recorded with the Register of Deeds of your county and that commitment to maintain an easement then follows with the land. The second aspect of the bill is to permit local zoning authorities to zone to protect existing solar units. There are a number of technical provisions in the bill but what they do in sum is to permit local zoning board authorities to take into consideration existing solar units when they zone for such things as vegetation or the number of stories permitted in a structure and so forth. This is an important bill. It is important principally because it will facilitate the development of solar units. People right now throughout this state are in many cases afraid to invest the \$20,000 or \$30,000 it can take to install a solar unit because they cannot be sure that the source of the sun and the source of the energy will be protected. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I would move the advancement of LB 353.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, do you wish the floor?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise very much in support of LB 353 and Senator Hoagland made a comment earlier that the energy situation is getting serious. I don't think it is getting serious, I think it is serious and I have a couple of questions, if I could, Pete. On page 3, when we are talking about solar sky space, are you saying in this particular piece of legislation that this solar sky space guarantees protection for anyone who builds a solar system, he has access to that solar sky space, and then, of course, if I live next door and I want to build something and I perhaps might interfere with that solar sky space, and I have to build higher than perhaps my neighbor because my neighbor is higher than my next door neighbor that I am trying to...that already has a system in? Go ahead, Pete.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: All that that provision does, Senator Venditte, is it means that before you install your solar unit that you can go to your neighbor and you can ask him if he will voluntarily agree not to build a structure or not to plant a tree or not to do something else that will eventually shade your solar unit. Now you can go to him and ask him for that agreement before you invest \$20,000 or \$30,000 into your structure. If he agrees to that, then you file it with the Register of deeds and it is binding on that property until the agreement is cancelled.